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to  
**Solid Shield**

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## Is Promotion a Game?

What's clicking in soldiers' minds when they find out their time has come? To some, appearing before the Enlisted Promotion Board is a fate worse than death. Some approach it lackadaisically. In the case of one SP4, "Why should I even try? It's only a few dollars more a month anyway."

To others, it's a chance to show how well they have adapted to the system and/or how well they can shine their brass on that all-important day.

To find out the various opinions on the enlisted promotion system, a Hallmark interviewer said, "One writer in an ASA unit newspaper has characterized EM promotion boards at the local level as 'a game' of irrelevant inquisition.

"In your opinion, what kind of job do promotion boards do in evaluating individual EM-EW competence to serve in a higher grade and MOS? What improvements could be made (1) in operation of the boards? (2) in preparation of individuals to appear before the boards?"

*They are irrelevant...*

"I personally feel that the promotion boards are irrelevant. From my experience, since re-entering the Army, I have reached the conclusion that the boards are just a formality of no competitive importance. If promotion was based on MOS and the individual's knowledge of his job, the boards would be more useful."

**SP5**

*It has its shortcomings...*

"The idea behind promotion boards is good. If they were to function properly, they would enable agents of the commander to evaluate members of his command and determine who is best qualified for promotions. Ideally, identical questions would be asked of all interviewees. In practice, however, favored soldiers are asked simpler questions than others who appear before the board.

"Another shortcoming of local promotion boards is that certain soldiers are able to study a list of sample questions while others are unaware that such lists exist.

"A problem which must be eliminated for a promotion board to function properly is the acquaintance of board members with certain of the subjects. This practice leads to prejudice in the award of points.

"In preparing for the board, soldiers spend too much time in grooming. If the person was really qual-

ified for promotion, he would not have to devote this extra time to personal appearance. His uniform would be in order and his haircut acceptable at all times.

"However good the basic idea behind promotion boards might be, local commands have supplemented the DA policy to such an extent that they cannot function without prejudice."

**SSG**

"I feel that the Army can do without the promotion board system. The people who sit on a promotion board usually do not know the man personally, thus they cannot properly evaluate him as to the way he does his job. The board only has the man in front of them for about 20 minutes at a time. In this time the board is supposed to see if the man is capable of being promoted to the next higher rank. I say it can't be done fairly.

"When a man is due for a promotion, it should be left up to the people who work with and see this man every day. If done correctly, I feel this would be the best way.

"The only way a man could prepare for a board would be to gather a group of men and have them ask him expected or anticipated questions."

**SSG**

*The board is not with it...*

"The Army Promotion Board is 10 years behind the times. It is very easy to get admin points added to your total score if you know a few key people in personnel. (This does not happen at all Army posts.)

"In most cases the members of the board do not know or have never seen the person that they are judging. This is bad because the board member doesn't know how well the person performs his job. In some cases the board members don't know enough about the EM's job to ask the right questions, so they ask about map reading, Nixon, baseball, the speed of a bullet from a 45. What does a person who is a medic need to know about these things?

"What happens if a board member is someone that doesn't like women in the service? How fair can a board member be if he thinks all blacks are trying to take over? What happens if a board member doesn't want to be a board member?

"The Navy promotes their people on a test score along with an EER. The test is in the person's MOS. He or she either knows their job, or they are out of luck. No feelings come into play. The EER (if done


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**Our Cover**—ASA men and women showed their proficiency, expertise and tactical know-how during Exercise Solid Shield.

More photos and story about the “war” in North Carolina appear on pages 8 and 9.

# PRESERVE THE SPIRIT OF '76

Service customs dictate that “all personnel, military or civilian, lady or gentleman, should. . .stand at attention and render the appropriate salute when the National Anthem is played or when the flag is passing in review in a parade or when it is raised at reveille or lowered at retreat.” This is an outward expression of patriotism, a gesture which shows love and respect for one’s country.

Until recent years one assumed that everyone who lived in America was a patriot. When did it begin—this lack of love and respect for one’s country? Why do the non-conformists stay here in this country. . .this country which was formed by a band of men and women who wanted a country of their own, one which they could love and respect and serve? The long, brave story of America, written by the many who lived, fought and died defending the United States, is our heritage. This heritage is represented by the flag and the National Anthem, symbols which too many take for granted.

Certainly no one would know more about respect for the flag than the serviceman and his family. In our schools children are taught to pledge allegiance to the flag. But even on military bases there are children who are not required to learn, nor to perform, this pledge to our Stars and Stripes. How can a mother—the wife of a man who has sworn his allegiance to the United States Army, who has pledged his very life to preserve this nation under this flag, who literally belongs to this same flag—how can she neglect to teach her children that they need to be true to their country’s flag?

Somehow a new national solidarity must be formed. There is something that can be done by even the least of us to begin that trend. Don’t try to “beat retreat.” Stand with pride facing the flag or the sound of the music. Teach the children to stand with respect and at attention when the National Anthem is played in the theater, and not to try to be first to sit down. In doing these things we can help to protect our heritage and preserve the spirit of '76, the spirit of our country.

*by Betty Tillery*

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vacation. Where to stay? Keep in mind that the quiet little towns a few miles off the beaten track almost always offer the cheapest accommodations. Guidebooks come in handy here. Keeping economy in mind, think about taking in the free stuff—zoos, museums, parks, and monuments loaded with history are a great way to spend a free afternoon. All it costs is a love of living to enjoy tradition-layered towns with surrounding post card landscapes.

With a little common sense, you can travel and tackle the war against personal bankruptcy all by yourself!





**Extra! Extra! Read All About It** in the Woman's Army Corps Journal. There you can find the latest in professional information about the WAC.

The staff will welcome any articles, letters and comments from military personnel interested in having their material considered for publication in the Journal.

**Bennies for E4s**—Exactly what extra benefits have been given to E4s with over two years of service? In early January, travel benefits for all E4s over two were changed to allow

- 1) An unaccompanied baggage allowance of 400 pounds and a household goods allowance of 500 pounds
- 2) Privately owned vehicles (POV) shipment on a permanent change of station move

A married E4 who has command sponsored dependents and who receives credit for a normal overseas tour of 36 months is entitled to:

- A household goods allowance of 2500 pounds and unaccompanied baggage allowance of 400 pounds
- POV shipment
- Dependent travel when the serviceman departs for PCS

The servicemember must meet the requirements of paragraph 5, Army regulation 55-46, in order to have his dependents "command sponsored". If he meets the requirements, he may apply for command sponsorship of his dependents through the unit orderly room.

Also—to assist in establishing equal benefits for all soldiers, the Army has extended family housing eligibility to E4s over two. The priority for housing assignment will be below that of current eligibles.

Implementation of the new housing eligibility rules is designed to minimize the impact on current housing waiting lists as well as preclude adverse impact on the morale of current individuals.



**Is there a mutual admiration society** between you and your commander? Do you want to stay in the Army and does he want you to be retained too? Recent review and changes in the Qualitative Management Program give the CO a little more leeway and latitude while deciding who he can keep on the rolls.

The principal changes provide the major commander with new waiver criteria for retention of soldiers beyond the reenlistment ineligibility point and extend the reen-

listment ineligibility points for grade E4 to 10 years and E5 to 13 years.

Individuals who wish to be retained and qualify for the new waiver must:

- Be recommended by the commander based on performance and review of field 201 file.
- Be otherwise eligible to reenlist without a waiver.
- Possess a current MOS evaluation score of 70 or higher (former minimum was 110).

Individuals who meet the above criteria may be authorized to reenlist or extend for a period of not more than three years as long as the reenlistment or extension does not place the individual's ETS beyond the reenlistment ineligibility for the next higher grade. Any waivers beyond the initial one must be granted by MILPERCEN; however, in no case will an individual be retained beyond the retention ineligibility point for the next higher grade, eg. an individual in grade E-5 will not be retained beyond 20 years which is the reenlistment ineligibility point for E6.

Although these new guidelines offer greater flexibility for commanders, it is not DA's intent to allow retention of all individuals beyond the retention ineligibility point for their grade. The intent is to enable commanders to selectively retain those individuals whose retention would be in the best interest of the Army.

The E/1 and E/2 Up or Out and Qualitative Screening features of the program are also under review.



**The Freedoms Foundation** has announced that its 1974 Armed Forces letter-writing contest theme is "Human Goals—The Advancement of Human Dignity."

The top winners in the active duty Armed Forces competition and Reserve Forces event will each receive \$1,000 from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, PA. In addition, the top active duty and Reserve winners of the 1974 contest will be invited to Valley Forge to receive their awards at the annual presentation ceremony. There will also be awards of \$100 and \$50 and George Washington Honor Medals and honor certificates.

Essays or poems may also be entered. Suggested length is between 100 and 1500 words. Entrants should include full name, social security number, military address, service component and complete permanent home address.

All entries must be sent before October 31, to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA.



Dan Ridnour and his suspect, fellow OJT Billy Ollar.

## The Making of an MP

*Exactly what makes a good MP a good MP? What extra qualities and abilities does a person have to maintain to perform the demanding, usually thankless duties of a military policeman?*

*The US Army Aviation Electronic Warfare Company (Project CEFIRM Leader) established a MOS producing school to make their MPs not good MPs, but great MPs.*

The immediate incentive for the school came early one morning last October, when seven bright-eyed and bushy tailed young men marched into the office of 1LT Claude McKee, S-2 for the Avn EW Company. The seven, Richard K. Annas, Richard E. Behe, John P. Marchetti, Billy O. Ollar, Daniel C. Ridnour, Terry L. Tomperi and Danny L. Wells, were sent to Ft Bliss, TX by Arlington Hall so that they could OJT as MPs.

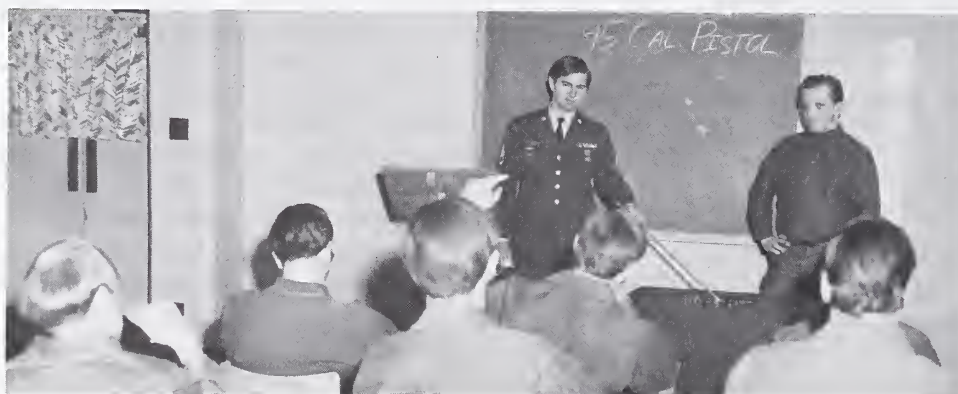
That's no big deal, you might say. They would only need 90 days as security guards and Abracadabra — bona fide 95B10s. 1LT McKee and his NCOIC, SGT Hugh Erskine, didn't see it that way. The job of MP with CEFIRM LEADER, they both felt, was important enough to warrant a training program comparable to the eight week course at Ft Gordon, GA.

So, with the blessings of the Avn EW Company Commander, MAJ Charles S. Simerly, they founded a school.

Liaison was first established with DCSPER at Arlington Hall. Permission was then granted for USA Avn Ew Company to keep the seven prospective MPs for at least four months.

Next, 1LT McKee contacted CPT Arthur H Taylor, Jr, the ASA liaison officer at the Military Police School, Ft Gordon. "Within 10 days after our conversation," said 1LT McKee, "there were 42 lesson plans and five complete study guides for the 95 B test."

Ssg Jimmy Padgett (left) assisted by SGT John Johnson, discuss the .45 caliber pistol.





Thus armed, the MP NCOs at Avn EW Company shot ahead with their training program. SGT Hugh Erskine, now a staff sergeant at TUS-LOG Det 4, was instrumental in getting the whole affair going. As principal instructor, he taught the first classes on civil disturbances, apprehension, military law and the history of the MP School at Ft Gordon. SSG John Johnson pitched in with over six hours of classes on MP communications. SSG Jimmy Padgett, SGT Erskine's replacement as NCOIC,

taught blocks on point control, search and seizure and drug abuse.

Help was also rendered by an aviator—CW3 Billy Swyres, coach of the Avn EW Company's Ft Bliss Championship .45 caliber pistol team, who supervised five hours of .45 caliber qualification firing. Billy Ollar and Danny Wells, two of the pupils, were so promising that Mr Swyres drafted them onto his pistol team.

Not overlooking any possible source of assistance, arrangements were made to utilize whatever help

was available from the 591st MP Company at Ft Bliss. The trainees received 90 minutes of class on domestic disturbances from the 591st; later they were given the invaluable opportunity to patrol for a full eight hour day with squad car veterans.

"Our training program averaged 12 hours a week for the first 10 weeks," said SSG Clarence D McAlexander, who came to the Avn EW Company shortly after the MP school started. Training covered all subjects on the 95 B10 MOS test. SSG McAlexander felt that "these people would never have been exposed to most of this training if we had just let them pull security guard."

Instructors at the Avn EW Company's MP school devised their own tests on the various blocks of classes, using Ft Gordon's tests for guidance on substance, scope and degree of difficulty. The overall average for this first class turned out to be 90.7 percent, with individual averages ranging between 84 and 96 percent. "Our tests correspond as closely as possible to those given at Ft Gordon," said SSG Padgett, a career MP.

To make sure the Avn EW Company MP school kept up to date, SSG Padgett travelled to Ft Gordon in late February, returning to Ft Bliss in early March with the latest information and study guides. By the time he got back, the first class was history. 1LT McKee was already on the prowl for more OJTs. Three of the original seven, Billy Ollar, Terry Tomperi and Danny Wells had joined their former NCOIC, SSG Erskine, at Sinop Turkey.

Of the remaining four, Dan Ridnour heads for the 7th RRFS this month. Rich Behe, John Marchetti and Rich Annas are PCS with the Avn EW Company.

With three years of college under his belt, PFC Annas may not stay there much longer; he's presently under consideration for an appointment as a CID Warrant Officer. Perhaps sometime in the future he'll be returning to the EW Company's MP school as a special guest instructor.

*by 2LT Thomas Whittle*



Top, Rich Behe tries to study under a watchful eye. Right, Aren't MPs supposed to smile? PFC Tomperi, PFC Annas, PV2 Ollar. Back row, PV2 Ridnour, SGT Johnson, SP4 Behe, SSG Padgett, and PV2 Wells. Below, Dan Ridnour, (far left) and Rich Annas question drivers after a simulated collision. (Photos by SP4 Turner)



**“P**repare to lower the flag!” This command, given by Major William K. Van Newkirk, commander, began the ceremony which brought the Gross Gusborn Detachment of Field Station Augsburg to an end.

Situated only a few kilometers from the River Elbe, the location provided peaceful, scenic surroundings, and a welcome relief from the heavily industrialized south.

On March 1, the site was transferred from American control to an element of the British Royal Corps of Signals, concluding over seven years of service for ASA in the northeastern German Federal Republic.

Members of both forces took part in the simple ceremony attended by Colonel John S. O'Connor, commander, FS Augsburg, Lieutenant Colonel Owen H. Knox, commander, Border Site Command, FS Augsburg and Colonel J. N. Taylor, commander, 13th Signal Regiment, as well as the Burgermeisters of both Gross Gusborn and Dannenberg. The British commander, Captain Michael E. Billet presented the American flag to MAJ Van Newkirk, who in turn unfurled the

## Nothing Stands Still



**Left, Captain Billet presents US flag to MAJ Van Newkirk. Right, SGT Arthur Brunson stands ready to turn US flag over to Captain Billet.**

British colors after they had been raised, while an honor guard composed of United States and United Kingdom soldiers presented arms.

Following the transfer, a change of command ceremony took place as First Lieutenant Doyle R. Underwood took command of the detachment for its remaining few weeks.

A reception was then held for all guests who attended.

While the Gross Gusborn Detachment is the source of many good

memories for those who were assigned there, the detachment's history actually began near another town somewhat farther east. From a beginning of summertime operations out of vans, the detachment progressed to a wooden building in Pestorf. Then in 1972, the location was changed to Gross Gusborn and a permanent metal structure complete with one of the two Tori towers standing in the Federal Republic.

### McFadden is New C of S

**C**olonel John J. McFadden has returned to Arlington Hall Station as the new Chief of Staff for the Army Security Agency. COL McFadden's last Headquarters ASA assignment ended in 1971 as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

The colonel's last overseas assignment was as the commander of the 7th RRFS, Ramasun, Thailand. Returning to CONUS, he commanded the 504th ASA Gp (PROV) at Ft. Bragg, NC, his most recent assignment.

COL McFadden started his military career in 1942 as an enlisted man with the 82nd Airborne, undergoing jump training in North Africa. After receiving a battlefield commission in 1944, he was wounded and returned to CONUS. While a patient at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, he acquired first lieutenant bars. At that time he married the former Elizabeth R. Bevington of Glen Elynn, Illinois.

Later he had duty with the 11th

Airborne Division at Fort Bliss, TX, and attained the rank of captain. He served with the IX corps Artillery during the conflict in Korea. Back in the US he attended the Advanced Officer Course at Ft. Devens, MA, and was promoted to lieutenant colonel. In late 1962 he again crossed the Atlantic to assume command of the 318th Bn and did not return to his native soil until August 1965 when he became Director of Instruction at the USASA training Center and School at Ft. Devens, MA.

In October of 1966 he assumed command of the 509th Radio Research Gp in Vietnam. In November 1967 he returned to AHS and assumed duties as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.



# JUNCTION CITY

by John C. Tibbetts

Night prowls swinging its stick  
and I step and step on elastic toes.  
Through the cigar city I step  
and rage at motels and shadow girls  
dangling from stairways.  
Greedily I hate, grinning a lantern grin,  
spilling abuse into empty faces  
tilting by as they moon up into the pawn-shop sky  
and disappear into discount heaven.

Street's hands, lamp post knuckles tear away the night  
and tent up a dirty blanket;  
an electric sky zig-zags through antenna clouds  
ringing my brow with a nimbus  
(and holy of holies I walk  
where miracles litter the curb).

The taverns and bars lean heavily upon my arm.  
They stoop like broken teeth  
gnawing at the bone—  
and people spin, dancing, arms stretched, heels whirling,  
along the walls  
into the doors and circling chairs  
under canopy martinis;  
radio ears twitch  
and clothes droop at women's feet.  
The bar foams up a head, buzzing,  
and soon a great door slams and remorse softly trundles us all  
away.

I stop as the shout springs through my teeth  
(and an empty bus erupts from the leather garage):  
Distance shrieks upon me. I can no longer write or dream  
or love the gasoline people.  
My head won't dream tonight!  
Stones rattle in the jar,  
everywhere edges thrust  
and sleep is a ruined troll under a bridge.

Step, step, into flowing asphalt and transistor crowds.  
Hips shore up the bones and the legs move—  
Move, move! further, the sidewalk uncoils an insolent tongue;  
Slack jaws and stick people scuttle into clocks—  
Do they know my words, can they feel...  
before they chime the hour?  
What is this gliding city under my shoe, one, two;  
where is Sleep but a bargain from Honest John,  
a striped car without an engine;  
and where else do love and fancies cost only  
pocket money  
(for a change)?

My fair city is stung,  
a swollen lip quivering;  
my life, my bonds and extremes  
lie in asphalt thickets.  
What is this but a changeling slipped under my nose,  
an evil substitute for my life,  
a counterfeit sky,  
an evil child growing at my heel  
who one day will snap a finger and vanish me.

I walk on  
for my toes are elastic toes  
and I can crouch and feint and shadow-box  
down the long street,  
knowing the way, knowing how  
knowing all the time...  
how to open my hands and stretch the fingers,  
how to find fuse boxes  
and cables and connections  
and switches  
and terminals and relays  
and grip their throats  
to stuff a city's flame.

Reprinted from the 303d Window



# Practical Tactical Training

Camping in the rain is a joy in itself, but when mosquitoes and red bugs join you and your wet sleeping bag, the joy becomes somewhat dampened.

But wet or dry, ASA had a mission to perform. Nearly 1,000 ASA men and women joined efforts with personnel from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines in the joint training exercise, Solid Shield.

ASA personnel from the 313th ASA Battalion, at Ft. Bragg, NC joined ASA members from Texas to represent some of the many facets of the Agency. Members of the SIGSEC Detachment, 156th Aviation Co and others from CEFIRM Leader, both based at Ft. Bliss, helped in the total effort of over 35,000 people near Catherine Lake and Oak Grove, NC. Field positions were also set up in nearby Pope Air Force Base, NC.

With the arrival of ASA soldiers came portable (?) orderly rooms, maintenance areas and operations compounds. Within a short period of time, the ASA men had camouflaged themselves and their vehicles and prepared to perform their primary job—that of support.

Listening to war stories and reading pamphlets on the tactically prepared soldier are nothing compared to really being there. Those who participated in Solid Shield, the largest field exercise of its kind conducted by the Atlantic Command, now have their own stories to tell.



# Solid Shield— ASA's Multiple Involvement



"Always be on guard" became the motto of the day.



In the field, cleanliness isn't always easy.



FTX Solid Shield taught the real meaning of "tactically prepared."

Repairmen were on the scene, keeping equipment in top shape.



Mission can only be accomplished when everything is tuned just right. Below, ASA was alert and aware at all times.





# USASATC & S TALENT SHOW



Below, COL Robert Lewis presents \$100 check to first prize winner CPT John Halvorsen, who won with a French Horn solo, "Intermezzo." Left, Steve and Jennie Conrad, as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies. Center, Vicki Tew sings "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair."



Ed Sullivan and Ted Mack may be gone, but the USASA Training Center and School Talent Show is still going strong.

Annually for the past three years, TC&S has sponsored a talent show, with the proceeds going to the ASA Benefit Association. This year's show continued the tradition of fine entertainment and fun for all.

The contestants were ASA men and women assigned to TC&S and their dependents. The show was produced by the officers and men of the First Battalion, USASA School Brigade. First Lieutenant Steve Conrad and his wife Jennie, co-directed the show and acted as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

Jennie has a distinguished background in the performing arts and Steve's theatrical credits are also very impressive. Their efforts made the show the success it was.

One of the hardest decisions

Steve and Jennie had to make was selecting 18 contestants from the 33 who had auditioned for the show. With such a great turnout of talented people, it was difficult to narrow the field down to fit the length of the show. Sixteen acts, which ranged from Broadway show songs to a rock band, were finally selected for the show.

The judging was conducted by a panel of distinguished citizens from the surrounding communities and cash prizes were awarded to the top three contestants. Even with their impeccable credentials, the judges had a rough time selecting the top three winners.

First place went to Captain John Halvorsen for probably the most unusual act of the evening. John played a French Horn solo, "Intermezzo." John is the commander of B Company, and OIC of the ASA Band at TC&S.

Sue Barselaar, a talented performer from the WAC Company, won second prize with a folk/rock song titled "Comin' Into Los Angeles."

Third place was taken by Specialist 5 Dave Schnell from Company B. He sang a medley of John Denver songs. Dave was a repeat winner from last year's show.

Colonel Robert W. Lewis, commandant, TC&S, and Colonel Bill C. Powell, commander, School Brigade, were on hand for the festivities as was special guest Colonel Guy R. Goodwin Jr., post commander. Colonel Lewis was happy to announce that almost \$1100 was raised for USASABA. COL Powell presented Jennie Conrad with a dozen red roses as a token of everyone's appreciation for her outstanding work in making the show a smash hit.



The sun-filled, lazy days of summer are upon us and so are the many accidental drownings that occur each year. With millions of Americans flocking to the beaches, pools, lakes, and other water-related recreational sites, the potential for death by accidental drowning is high.

The number of accidental drownings in the Army decreased by 49 percent in FY 72, and again by 11 percent in FY 73. Nevertheless, drowning is still a significant cause of death to military personnel, considering the reduction in the Army's size during recent years.

The National Safety Council states that drownings are the third leading cause of accidental death in the U.S., after motor vehicle accidents and falls. The Council also reports that:

- More than 60 percent of the victims are under age 25.
- Eighty-five percent of the victims are male.
- Two-thirds of drowning victims are non-swimmers.
- Nearly half of the victims are alone at the time of drowning.
- More than 10 percent of all drownings occur in the summer months: June, July, August.

Water, in all its various forms, is usually associated with boats. Each type of boat has its own hazards. Don't venture out too far from shore when at the sea or a large lake, particularly in the face of storm warnings. Even small boats can overturn on small lakes, mainly due to overloading, while canoes are known to be tricky. If the boat over-

turns, hang on (they usually float) and wait until rescue comes.

Unknown waters present unknown dangers to swimmers...deep holes, undertow—and to divers...concealed rocks, mud holes and shoals. If you're in a boat don't wander out beyond the reach of help.

One of the greatest dangers is unattended children near water. Children have drowned in water they could stand up in. Adults should remain constantly at the side of children when they are in the water so they can give immediate assistance. This is especially true when children have floating toys or inflated rafts on which they can float into deep water.

It's a fact that one out of ten drownings occurs near the home where people are unmindful of the everpresent dangers of an untended body of water (backyard swimming pool).

Another water safety tip is never swim in the dark. The dangers that can be seen and easily avoided in the day can lead to tragedy at night.

It's tragic that the majority of accidents occur during so-called play time. The dangers in water recreation is ever present, one careless moment can cause a lifetime of sorrow.

So enjoy the water, but know the rules of the waves.

And remember, the ocean, lake or pool you choose to swim in can provide a beautiful and relaxing setting—don't let it be the last place you're seen alive!

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*It Could  
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# pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents

## Germany

**Company A, FS Berlin—**Specialist 5 Robert Hollis was recently the guest of Herr and Frau Gerhard Both at the Hotel President in Berlin during the Easter Vacation. SP5 Hollis was chosen from a field of candidates submitted from various units throughout the Berlin command on the basis of service to the military community both on and off duty.

Hollis, accompanied by his wife, Patricia, and daughter, Samilla, is the Program Coordinator for Company A of the Field Station. He and his wife are active in the Post Chapel Program, as well as economy couples activities.

The offer from Herr Both, manager of the hotel in central West Berlin, was a gesture of friendship and good will to the American Forces in Berlin.

During their stay, the Hollis' were hosted by Herr and Frau Both at many activities, including dining in restaurants which included the Kongresshalle Restaurant, the Funkturm Restaurant, and the "Merry Finches Inn", a village tavern dating to about 1714. They also visited the Theater des Westens to view Rudolph Schock in "Dreimaederhaus", an operetta based on the music of Franz Schubert; and toured various highlights of the city, with Herr Both as tour guide.

When asked his reaction to the week with Herr and Frau Both, SP5 Hollis replied, "My wife and I have never spent a more enjoyable week. Everything at the hotel was perfect;



Easter weekend guests Robert and Tricia Hollis (left) chat with Herr and Frau Gerhard Both at the President Hotel. Both is the manager of the hotel. (Photo by Gary Newman)

our every desire—and then some—was met. But the most rewarding part of all was the opportunity to get acquainted and become friends with Herr and Frau Both. The week has added immeasurably to my appreciation of Berlin—both the city itself and its citizens."

## Texas

**156th AVN Co (FW), Ft. Bliss—**Chief Warrant Officer Jack D. Morgan recently received his senior aviator wings.

CW3 Morgan is the maintenance officer, an instructor and test pilot for the 156th. He has also attended the Aviation Safety Course at the University of Southern California.

During his assignment with the 156th, Mr. Morgan has worked di-

rectly with Beech Aircraft Corporation many times in the development of ASA aircraft.

**CW3 Jack D. Morgan, right, gets his senior wings pinned on by CPT Thomas J. Kells, Jr., executive officer of the 156th AVN Co, Ft. Bliss, TX.**





## Maryland



USASA Spt Gp, Ft. Meade—Colonel Stanley G. Kozlowski, right, commander, USASA Support Group, receives help from Mrs. Dorothy Mustard as he pins CW4 bars on her husband, Donald, during a recent promotion ceremony at Ft. Meade.

Right, about ten years ago, Dec. 4, 1964 in Taipei, Taiwan, the two shared a similar experience as COL Kozlowski, then major, presided over CW4 Mustard's appointment as Warrant Officer.

Mr. Mustard has been serving as a Traffic Analyst Technician with the National Security Agency at Ft. Meade since January 1973.

## Virginia

**A pat on the back**—The Hallmark was recently presented an Award of Merit from the Society of Technical Communication for its journalistic achievements during 1973.

This award adds to other honors received by the Hallmark staff, which include three Blue Pencil Awards, presented by the Federal Editors Association.

Starting a one man campaign, SFC Warnock convinced his CO, First Sergeant and Command Sergeant Major that USASATEC could get volunteers to get the job done. A plan was formulated and on March 23, CPT Hart and ISG McKee along with 17 enlisted men, four WACS, three civilians and

numerous Boy Scouts from Troop 432, sponsored by USASATEC, organized in groups and made a clean sweep of the polluted area.

The results of their efforts were five two and a half ton truck loads of old car parts, tires, tree limbs and trash which was disposed of at the Huachuca City sanitary fill.

## Arizona

**USASA Test and Evaluation Center,—Ft. Huachuca**—While the general public seems to be complaining about pollution some USASATEC men and women have done something about it.

Sergeant First Class Ronald W. Warnock, HHC, who was assigned to Hostess Housing in Apache Flats while waiting for permanent quarters noticed that the desert area around his quarters was polluted with trash, weeds, old car parts and tires. He decided that something had to be done for the protection of the children who occasionally play in the area.



Members of the USASATEC work with the Boy Scouts to help clean up the desert around Apache Flats. The volunteers collected five two and one-half ton truck loads of trash, which was disposed of in the Huachuca City sanitary fill. (Photo by SP4 Lonnie Whelan)

# The Camera Bug

*One picture is worth a thousand words—especially when the photographer was able to snap the shutter at the precise moment catching the twinkle in smiling eyes or the austere look of a cat eying its prey. Sometimes a good camera makes the added difference between a good picture and a great picture. An article reprinted from the “Torii Typhoon” gives author Jim Giordani’s thoughts about cameras and helpful lens buying hints.*

**B**uying a 35mm Single Lens Reflex (SLR) is serious business, and there should be careful consideration given to what brand you buy. Once you’ve invested in a camera and several lenses, it can be expensive if you later decide you want to change brands (I speak from experience), so here are some factors to consider when selecting a 35mm SLR.

First, consider the lens mount type which could be either Pentax type screw threaded or one of the various bayonet mounts. The advantage of the bayonet mount is faster and easier lens changing. Unscrewing a long telephoto lens can be a real hassle. The advantage of the screw mount is that all brands use the same thread size and are therefore interchangeable, giving you a wider selection to choose (and borrow) from. Unfortunately each manufacturer has his own style bayonet mount and none are compatible. Some of the screw thread camera brands include Pentax, Ricoh, Yashica and Fujica.

Second, and perhaps most important (and overlooked) is the system behind the camera. For example, a person might go to the PX and ask to see a Canon FTb, Minolta SRT-101 and a Nikkormat FTN and weigh each on its individual merits. All three have bayonet type lenses, have shutter speeds from 1 to 1/1000 seconds with a scale visible in the viewfinder. All three have fast (f/1.4) high quality lenses and are in the same price range.

So how does he choose between the three? It’s usually done with the aid of a friend who has just bought one of them and says its great.

(But ask him why he chose it and “Well, un, I knew this guy with one.” A better way to decide would be to call it a tie between the three and consider the systems behind each of them.



In each case there is a more expensive, top of the line model for an additional \$150–\$200, and this is where the similarity disappears. Although right now you may have no need for such a versatile and sophisticated camera like the Canon F-1, Minolta XK, or Nikon F2, someday you may. (Photography is that kind of hobby.) By then it will be too late to choose, since you are stuck with your present lens mount.

By choosing between the expensive models and then buying the cheaper model you can save yourself some possible future grief. A few brochures and a visit to your local camera store should give you enough information to make a good choice. In fact, you may even decide to buy the expensive one instead.

But what if the camera you are interested in doesn’t have an expensive system of special lenses and accessories. . . is it still worth buying? Certainly! Many non-systems cameras have their own particular features not found on the system cameras, whether it be a two way viewing system (Ricoh TLS-401), illuminated exposure readout lamps (Fujica ST801 and Yashica SLRs) or simply the location of key controls, or an easily affordable price.

For some people these reasons may outweigh the existence of extras they may never buy. In any case, choose carefully.





### Basketball

**FS Misawa, Misawa AFB, Japan**—The Misawa Air Base “Over 30” basketball league ended, with the ASA entrant, “F-Troop”, taking second place.

After winning their first two games over the 6921st Security Wing “Daze” and “The Hilltoppers”, the troop lost to the Co E, Marines “Red Machine”, and dropped into the losers bracket. Coming up through the losers bracket, Army triumphed over the Naval Security Group “Over DA Hill Gang”, dumped “Daze” again and avenged their previous loss by beating the “Red Machine” and eliminating them from the tournament.

This brought F-Troop, with a 4-1 record, face to face with the undefeated 6920th AB Group entry, the “Misawa Trotters”. Staying within 2 points of the taller Trotters through most of the game, and astounding the standing room only crowd with their dazzling footwork and expert ball handling, the Troop nevertheless lost to the Trotters 39-32 in the most exciting and action packed game of the series. Even the opposition conceded that lack of substitutes alone prevented F Troop from capturing the title.

### Sport Club

**FS Augsburg, Germany**—The American Sport Club of Rimbach, Germany is firmly entrenched. You’ve probably never heard of the club, but this year it will be one of only two registered American soccer clubs in West Germany.

In February, 1973, the members decided to join organized German soccer. After rather lengthy negotiations, the club was able to join the local C-Class league for Kreis Korztig as Rimbach’s third string, but playing as Thenried second



Members of FS Misawa’s “F Troop” basketball team attempt a rebound.

string. (Don’t feel bad we’re still trying to figure that one out too.) League play began in June 1973, the results—a losing season. In fact the team has won exactly two games thus far. But wait, they have also had a few forfeits so our record doesn’t look quite so bad.

So why does the team keep on trying to compete in a sport drilled into the opponents since infancy while the vast majority of the members first made contact with soccer as members of the club? Actually there are several reasons. First to improve German-American relations wherever possible. That’s on the local level. Additionally, there’s always hope of a winning season. Also there is some logic to the thought that the local people will understand Americans better and easier the more familiar they are with the medium—soccer.

### Golf

**Arlington Hall Station, VA**—The final results of the Arlington Hall Station Golf Tournament, held in May, are in.

In the Senior Division (over 30??): Low Gross-James Cabaniss (197); R-up Low Gross-Thomas Gaines (207); Low Net-Leonard Fischer (156).

The winners in the Open Division

were: Low Gross-Sam Cook (158); R-up Low Gross-Joseph Mabry (162); Low Net-Don Holland (142); R-up Low Net-Stan Juff (145); Most 3s-James Hills (6); Most 4s-Robert Hale (16); Most 5s-Al Stephens (22); High Gross-Frank Csillam (280); High Net-Ed Horivchi (198) and Most Strokes One Hole-Edward Price (12) on the 7th Hole.

### Walkathon

**Arlington Hall Station, VA**—Specialist 4 Steve M. Lambert, a programmer assigned to the Command Data Systems Activity (CDSA), walked 25 miles in the March of Dimes Walkathon.

Starting and ending at the Reflecting Pool by the Washington Monument in the Nation’s Capital, SP4 Lambert collected \$125 from approximately 70 sponsors who pledged an average of \$.07 a mile for each mile walked.

Specialist Lambert received a Certificate of Achievement from the Thomas A. Edison High School, Fairfax, VA, for his dedicated services in aiding the Youth program in Virginia. He aided the Vocational Industrial Club of America by helping organize a Commercial Art Contest and was one of the judges to help select the best students in the local and regional contest.

## DIALOGUE Cont'd

without bias) shows on-the-job performance, and the test scores shows technical know-how. This is not to say all boards are corrupt. It just shows how the present Army system leaves too much to chance."

SP5

*Ideas on improvement...*

"The board would be a lot better if lower enlisted persons were members of the board.

"Individuals could better prepare themselves for the promotion board if they were able to go through a simulated promotion board experience."

PVT

"Overall, I believe that promotion boards accomplish what they set out to do; however, I think more could be done to put the EM at ease. For example, some fine soldiers get off to a bad start on a promotion board and they then lose their composure. I also think commanders ought to review the EM/EW military personnel records jacket prior to giving the commander's rating. I believe that the EER program has lost sight of its objective, due to the fact that some of the raters automatically give an outstanding rating, because its easier to do."

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"I think the board should prepare the individuals who are appearing before them, give them some idea of what the board does, what they look for, and what type of question they ask.

"The majority of the ASA board members could care less if the EM made his or her promotion. Most of them are prejudiced against the EM."

SP5

*Promotions should be directly related to MOS scores...*

"I think promotion boards should be based almost entirely on the individual's MOS. If someone does not know his job, he should not be promoted."

PFC

"I feel that the board is insufficient and impractical because they don't ask enough questions on your MOS. A written exam for promotion should be set up to go along with the board. Your MOS test for promotion should deal precisely with your job.

"The board should also be made up with more EM and have more questions on MOS and job description. There is no foolproof way for a person to help another prepare for a board except to furnish them with answers, which would be unfair and therefore out of the question."

SP4

*The boards are mighty fine...*

"I think that the majority of promotion boards do a fine job.

"The majority of EM-EW that go before promotion boards at a local level have not been in the service long enough so that their Form 20 and 201 file can give a complete picture of their qualifications and potential. Therefore, a local board is required in order to see how articulate and knowledgeable they are about certain subjects.

"I feel that a promotion booklet should be available for study."

SFC

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## Science & Medicine

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### Bloody Tests

Blood tests have become commonplace in modern medicine. There are literally hundreds of determinations possible. The one done most frequently is the measurement of the patient's hemoglobin.

There are several different ways to measure the ability of the blood to carry oxygen which is the function of hemoglobin. When this ability becomes impaired, the condition known as anemia is present. Anemia literally means "no blood"; of course, it would be unreasonable to wait that long to begin treatment.

Anemia may affect all sorts of persons, but there are essentially three types of anemia: 1) Malproduction of the hemoglobin protein. 2) Failure of red blood cells to be produced in ade-

quate numbers (hemoglobin is incorporated into the red cells) 3) Destructive forces and bleeding cause a loss of circulating blood.

Bleeding is the most common cause of anemia. Depending upon the age, various sites of bleeding are apt to be present. Menstrual bleeding in women is apt to lead to anemia when there is more than two ounces of blood lost with each period. The body can easily replace less than this amount. Ulcers, bleeding gums, hemorrhoids, colitis, and trauma are seen in the early and middle years. Bleeding from intestinal tumors is prevalent in people over 60.

Blood loss anemia is sometimes called "iron deficiency blood." This is because hemoglobin requires iron to function. Usually the blood loss is slow and the bone marrow works hard to keep

the hemoglobin level to normal. In so doing, all of the body's stored iron is used up. When this happens, the red blood cell's hemoglobin is completely supplied with iron.

Iron is in reasonable supply in a normal diet. Unless a greater demand for iron is present, drugs or dietary supplements are not needed. Greater demands which are not related to abnormal states are pregnancy and early infancy.

Symptoms of anemia vary with the specific type and severity. Generally, there may be fatigue, loss of energy and increased need for sleep, tingling of the fingers and toes, dizziness, and fainting may occur. An unexplained change in personality may be an early complaint.

It is easy to determine whether or not a person is anemic. However, it is often quite difficult to say what is causing the anemia if present. (AFPS)



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## Inspirations To Greatness

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*The annual General Inspection at USASAFS Sobe encouraged this writer to share his thoughts with the readers of the "Torii Typhoon."*

Now that we've all had time to sit back and digest the experience, it may be worthwhile to reflect briefly on the annual wave of incredible devotion to duty, excellence, and the greater glory of the military service which strikes just before the arrival of that superb personage, the IG. Had we tried to think of the matter any sooner (say last week), there is a danger that the resulting article would have been unprintable. Now that the dust has settled, tempers have cooled, and frustrations have declined, it seems possible to devote some rational reflection to this recent visitation by the Power and the Glory.

Sometime in the 1940s, Danny Kaye made a flick called "The Inspector General" about events surrounding a visit by the friendly IG to a military post in some mythical country (18th century setting). Everything was there, the panic, the rush to bury past errors, the efforts to backdate today's attempts to make paper jibe with six month old reality, and the overuse of the incinerator. Officers go on leave, others are hurriedly transferred, people are fired, and the books are juggled like the center ring at Barnum and Bailey's. At the time I saw the film on TV, I thought it was a great burlesque, never suspecting that it was not a really a comedy at all, but a documentary.

Having survived three IGs at this station (and an indeterminate number of Command Inspections, Safety Inspections, and the like), I have come to the conclusion that nobody ever learns anything from history. Not even if they live through it themselves.

Two months before the visit of our terrible Inspiration of Greatness, everyone turns around shaking his head, mumbling "this year things will be different. This year we'll be ready. None of that damn 16 hours a day mad rush during the last week for us." Then all around us people solemnly nod agreement, heartily wishing to avoid the previous year's fiasco of delayed accomplishment and foolhardy procrastination. But nothing happens.

One month before the dreaded arrival the urgency in voices is greater. "We've really got to get moving, Sergeant. Time is running out," "Yes, sir, I'm with you all the way, sir." But nothing happens.

One week before the IG arrives the working day is lengthened to 16 hours. At the very least. The week becomes a seven day affair, and the solemn biblical warning against messing around with the Sabbath is quietly overlooked. Or rather very noisily indeed, as typewriters too long silent begin hammering away to the rhythm of "Rally 'Round the Flag, Boys" in last-ditch effort to do in seven days what wasn't done in the 358 preceding ones.

Panic! Horror! Disaster! Careers ruined! Enlistments dishonorably terminated! Efficiency reports to read "Inefficient." All is surely lost.

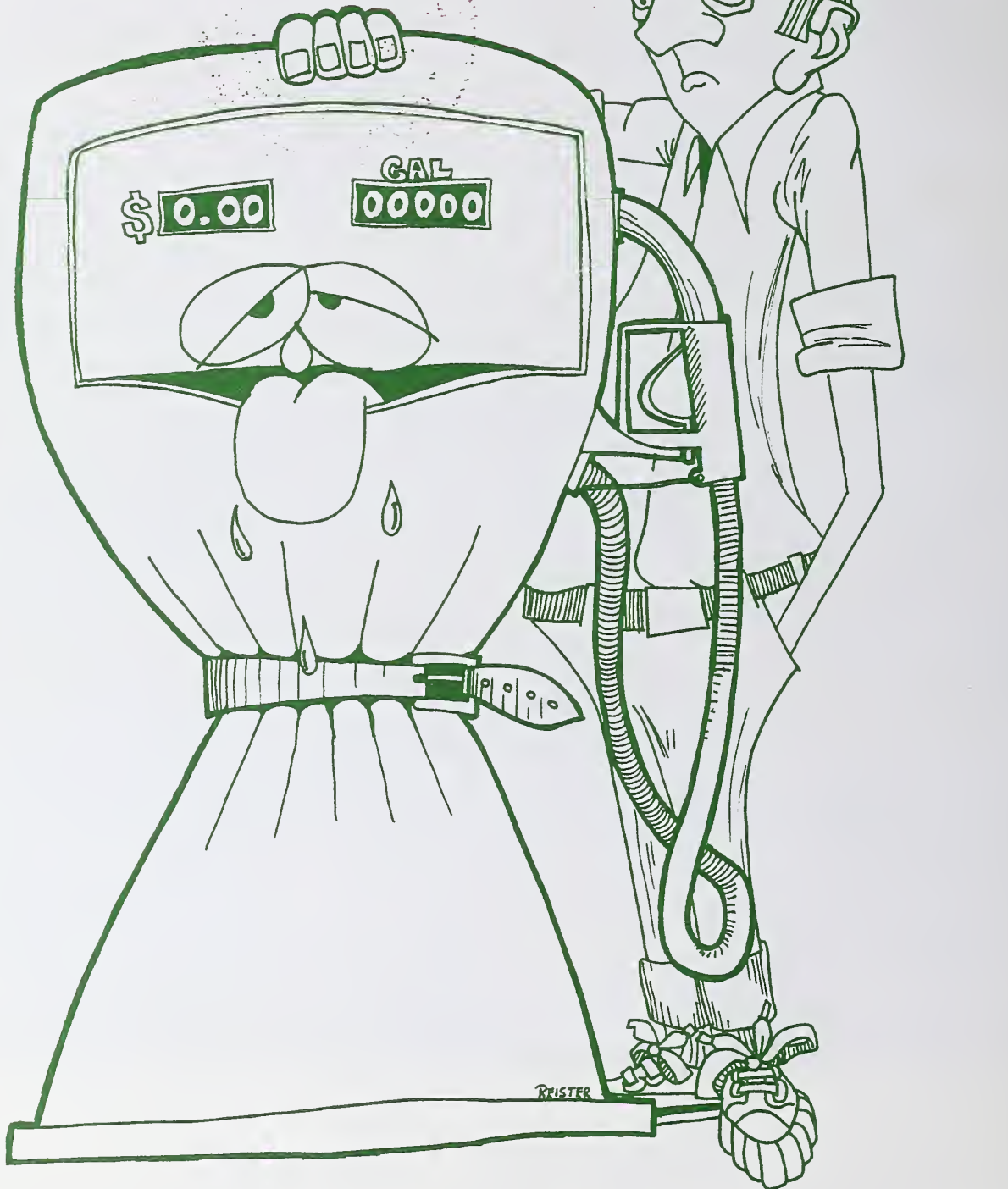
And then it is over. No one is discharged dishonorably. No careers are ruined. No grungy efficiency reports are filed. And everyone says "We'll never do that again. Next time we'll be ready."

*by SP4 Joseph Auclair)*

## *Ideas and Opinions*

*"I share no man's opinions; I have my own." Fathers & Sons (1862)*

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Who Forgot to Save Gas?